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 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – St. Marys, IA

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 6

614: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Jim Brommel (said Saturday,
August 5th)

Monday, August 7

407: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 8

408: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7, 12-13

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

see 617: 1 Cor 2:1-10a Lk 9:57-62

5:00 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat

Wednesday, August 9

409: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35

Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 10

618: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

Friday, August 11

411: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16, 21 Mt 16:24-28

see 619: Phil 3:8-14 Mt 19:27-29

Saturday, August 12

412: Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 13

115: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14

Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat



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August 5, 2023



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Tuesdays

Adoration at 5:00 PM

Rosary at 5:30 PM

Mass at 6:00 PM

Sundays

Reconciliation at 7:30 AM

Mass at 8:00 AM

WEEKEND HOMILIES

I suppose one of the biggest challenges that faces anyone in the process of growing up emotionally is that of learning to trust. It is such a simple sounding word but such an enormously complex reality, and integrating trust into our lives in a healthy adult sort of way can be a challenge indeed.

There is a good deal that goes into making up such a trust. It has to include a presumption of goodness in others. It has to include a presumption of ability in others. And it has to include a certain surrender of control over one's own circumstances.

I think it was Gabriel Marcel who once wrote that there is a difference between hope and expectations. Expectations, he said, are in terms of particular projects, particular outcomes, a definite, detailed plan for what should or should not be. And as such they are necessarily a narrowing thing, they tie us down to too small a world, too small a range of choices. But hope is simply an unconditional trust that God will lead us lovingly, and for the best, in any setting. A trusting hope urges us to set aside, in a sense, our own definition of what is good and bad, acceptable or not, and take on instead God's definition, even when that is not very clear to us sometimes.

One of my favorite images in Scripture is lodged in this Gospel reading for today. Some of the apostles tell Christ that he had better start to wrap up whatever it was he was doing as the day is coming to an end, and the thousands of people gathered about him are going to need to find themselves something to eat before nightfall. And Christ's response to that is, "Let's feed them ourselves. Tell the people to sit down." Now, it's not too difficult to imagine the apostles standing there with polite smiles on their faces, looking at each other and thinking, perhaps not too quietly, "Now that is about the dumbest idea I ever heard. This simply won't work." But being respectful men, the most they say is something like, "Perhaps it's escaped your attention, but we don't have anything to give them. We only have five loaves of bread, and a few fish, and that is really not even enough for the twelve of us." And Christ responds, "It doesn't have to make sense. Most of life doesn't. Just do as I ask."

And of course, it was only after the twelve baskets were filled with the leftovers that the apostles really saw what had happened. It is only in hindsight that we can clearly see God's care for us. That is another reason for suspending judgment now. A Christian has all of eternity to use hindsight. When we finally can look back on our lives and see clearly how God has led us, it will be from the vantage point of God himself.

Excerpts taken from *Seasons in The Word*

Memorial Day Flowers in Cemetery

If you have any Memorial Day decorations displayed in the cemetery, please have them picked up before Sunday, August 13th. They will be discarded after the 13th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Council Meeting | August 8th | Immediately following Mass

Finance Council Meeting | August 9th | 5PM

Diocesan Eucharistic Procession | August 19th | Mass at 9AM

Join us for the Diocesan Eucharistic Procession on August 19! Mass at 9:00 AM at the Grotto, St. Anthony's, followed by Eucharistic procession to St. Ambrose Cathedral. Lunch served at the Pastoral Center; transportation back to St. Anthony's provided. All are welcome! RSVP not necessary but appreciated to help us with lunch orders
<https://www.dmdiocese.org/events/event-registration?id=a8d4ad69-ff9c-43d7-95d2-ce514080efeb>

An Evening with Sarah Heart | August 26th | 5:30 PM | St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas in Indianola will be hosting *An Evening with Sarah Hart* on Saturday, August 26th. Dinner will be served (free-will donation) directly following Mass around 5:30 PM. Sarah Hart will be leading a night of faith-filled music and fellowship starting at 6:30PM



Adults \$15 | Children \$5 | Takeout Available (enter through east door)

Tomorrow is the day!

Sunday, August 6th

Doors open at 12 PM. Food is served 12:30 – 5:30 PM

Face painter will be on site from 1–3 PM

Please, keep them in your prayers:

Jolene Schwery, AJ, Sean, & Jason Wiegert, Cindy Robison, Joyce Smith, Herb Moore, Doug Hollands, Charlotte Banks, Doug George, Mike Hraha, Mary Long, Chase Sanders, Jim Kahler, Ellen Pontolilo, Phil & Crystal Finck, and Janice Gavin

Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 32 families who have already given or pledged \$13,310 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$12,698 dollars away from our parish goal of \$26,008. Your help is needed. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Catholic Church in Southwest Iowa by pledging to the Appeal. A gift in any amount will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Your contribution card can be placed in the collection basket, brought or mailed to the parish office, or mailed directly to the Diocese. Or you can give directly online at dmdiocese.org/giving. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS

Aug 6: Susan Matlage-Simms (take to the night drop box) & Mary Seibert

Aug 13: Kayla Keller (take to the night drop box) & Brenda Freeman

Collections Sunday, July 23

Tithes/Plate: \$568.00

ACH's: \$220.00

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS AUGUST 13

Lector: Lee Dentlinger

Gifts: Susan Matlage-Simms, Caroline Davitt

Euch. Min: Krisha Schauf, Jill Gavin, Nicole Kindley

Ushers: Brent Gavin & Frank Hawk

Servers: ---

Band of the Month: Frank & Helen Gavin

Celebrate!

August Birthdays

6th – Ben Schauf

9th – Jeff Thompson

August Anniversaries

17th – Jerome & Kathy Lippold